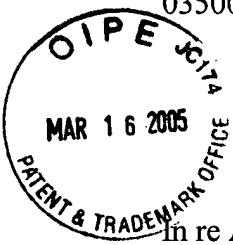


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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments: